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Minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board held on June 24, 2008, 4:00 pm at the Jury Deliberation Room, Tempe Municipal Court, Tempe, Arizona.

#### (MEMBERS) Present:

Mark Aceto Judy Aldrich Thomas Klobas Brad Tebow

#### City Staff Present:

Jacque Frusetta Mark Stodola

Meeting convened at 4:03 pm.

Judy Aldrich called the meeting to order and gave brief opening remarks about the purpose of the meeting. The meeting is to consider the recommendation for the reappointment of Judge Maryanne Majestic and discuss the judicial recruitment process.

<u>Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: April 8, 2008</u> Judy Aldrich asked members to review the minutes and submit a motion.

Brad Tebow made a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2008. Thomas Klobas seconded the motion. The minutes of April 8, 2008 were approved.

<u>Agenda Item 2 – Board Review of Judicial Performance Materials for Judge Marianne Majestic.</u>

Board members received a self evaluation letter from Judge Majestic, a letter of recommendation from Judge Arkfeld, and a summary of the surveys presented to those involved in court functions including jurors, defense attorneys and staff. The overall ratings of the surveys were superior.

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion re: future new judge recruitment process

Mark Stodola presented an updated Judicial Appointment Timeline for future use for the new judge recruitment process. There will be a vacancy created when Judge O'Hair-Schattenberg's term expires on January 2, 2009. The Board discussed possible dates for the review of applications, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews and a deadline for making recommendations on a final candidate to Council.

Board members reviewed a draft of the City Judge Supplemental Written Questions. Minor edits were made to the document. All forms for the judicial recruitment are now complete.

Agenda Item 4 - Closing of Board Meeting to Hold Public Hearing Judy Aldrich adjourned the Board Meeting at 4:50 pm.

#### Agenda Item 5 – Public Hearing

The Public Hearing convened in Courtroom 4 at 5:00 pm with Judge Majestic present.

Seven members of the public appeared before the Board to give testimony concerning the judicial performance of Judge Majestic. All testimony was positive and all speakers strongly recommended the reappointment of Judge Majestic.

### Agenda Item 6 -Closing of the Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:00 pm.

### <u>Agenda Item 7 - Discussion of Recommendation to the City Council re:</u> Reappointment of Judge Marianne Majestic

There was a general discussion from all Board members concerning the positive written and oral comments which were received during the reappointment process hearings. Board members were in agreement that the City of Tempe is fortunate to have such an outstanding judge.

Brad Tebow moved that the Judicial Advisory Board recommend that the Tempe City Council reappoint Judge Marianne Majestic to a four year term. Thomas Klobas gave a second to the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 9:00 am in the Human Resources Conference Room will be the next scheduled meeting for a working session to review judicial candidate applications and finalize the interview questions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Prepared by: Jacque Frusetta Reviewed by: Mark Stodola

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Chairperson, Judicial Advisory Board

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